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**To:** Chairman Johnson, Commissioners Hodson, Huguenin, Leidigh, and Remy  
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The following bills affecting the Political Reform Act have been introduced by the Legislature. At this time, it does not appear that any of the bills have a significant fiscal impact on the Commission.

**Current Legislation**

**AB 7 (Krekorian)**

**Advertisement Disclosure**

This bill would add reporting requirements for committees that support or oppose ballot measures if the committee has major donors of \$50,000 or more. This bill is identical to the language of amended AB 2552 (Krekorian), which did not pass the Senate on August 29, 2008. **Status: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. Hearing is scheduled for April 21, 2009.**

**Position: Support**

**AB 9 (J. Perez)**

**Expenditures by Governmental Agencies for Communications about a Ballot Measure**

This bill would clarify existing law that an expenditure includes the payment of public moneys by a state agency or local government agency, or by an agent of that agency, for a communication to the electorate within the jurisdiction of that agency regarding a clearly identified measure, except if the communication constitutes a fair and impartial presentation of the facts relating to the measure or the communication is otherwise required by law. **Status: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. Hearing is scheduled for May 5, 2009.**

**Position: Support**

**AB 528 (Silva)**

**Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Proposals**

This bill would conform two previous bills (AB 1998 and AB 745) regarding reporting requirements for LAFCOs. AB 745 related to LAFCO laws and AB 1998 added a section (Chapter 4, Article 2.5) to the Political Reform Act, which relates to campaign reporting requirements for LAFCO proposals. The definition of LAFCO proposal under Section 82035.5 would change to include a proceeding as defined in Section 56067. The rest of the changes are to the LAFCO laws and are non-substantive. **Status: Elections and Redistricting Committee and Local Government Committee. Hearing is scheduled for April 22, 2009.**

**Position: Support**

**AB 741 (B. Berryhill)**

**Campaign Funds**

This bill would provide that the expenditure of campaign funds held by a ballot measure committee for a candidate's or elected officer's attorney's fees and other costs in connection with administrative, civil, or criminal litigation is not directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose and is not within

the lawful execution of the trust in which those funds are held. **Status: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. Hearing is scheduled for April 21, 2009.**

**Position: Support**

**AB 1149 (Davis)**

**Electronic Filing for Statements of Economic Interests**

This bill is a clean-up bill for last session's AB 2607 and would limit the reporting years included in the pilot program for electronic filing of statements of economic interests in the Counties of Los Angeles, Merced, Orange, and Stanislaus. The reporting years will be from 2008 to 2010 (instead of 2011), and the date on which the Legislative Analyst must report to the Legislature will be changed from March 1, 2012 to February 1, 2012. **Status: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. Hearing is scheduled for May 5, 2009.**

**Position: Support**

**AB 1181 (Huber)**

**Electronic Filing for Campaign Statements**

The bill would require all statements that are required to be filed with the Secretary of State's office to be filed electronically, as well as an original (signed in ink) and a copy in paper format, with the exception of the Statement of Organization (Form 410) for local committees, which will be filed on paper only. The bill also provides that if a late contribution or late independent expenditure report is required to be reported to the Secretary of State, it shall be filed online or electronically only, with no paper copies required. **Status: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. Hearing is scheduled for April 21, 2009.**

**Position: Support**

**AB 1257 (Hagman)**

**Independent Expenditure Reports**

This bill would change the reporting requirements for a Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report. It would increase the expenditure threshold amount for reporting information about a person to whom an expenditure is made from \$100 to \$400. It would also require that the Commission adjust the amount periodically, based on the Consumer Price Index. **Status: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. Hearing is scheduled for April 21, 2009.**

**Position: Oppose**

**AB 1322 (Huffman)**

**Advertisement Disclosure**

This bill would require committees to disclose the top three donors to the committee and specifies the way disclosure would be made in radio, print, or television advertising. AB 7 (Krekorian) includes some of the same proposed amendments and staff of the assembly members are coordinating the two bills.

**Status: Status: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. Hearing is scheduled for April 21, 2009.**

**Position: Support**

**AB 1412 (Torricon)**

**Gifts from Lobbyists**

This bill would prohibit a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbyist employer from making any gift to a member of the Legislature. **Status: Introduced in the Assembly.**

**Position: Support**

**SB 739 (Strickland)**

**Fundraising**

This bill would prohibit the spouse or domestic partner of an elected officer or candidate for elective office from receiving compensation for services rendered in connection with fundraising for the benefit of the elected officer or candidate for elective office.

**Status: Senate Elections, Reapportionment, and Constitutional Amendments Committee. Hearing is scheduled for April 21, 2009.**

**Position: Support**

**SB 787 (Walters)**

**Conflicts of Interest**

This appears to be a spot bill. It makes non-substantive amendments to Section 87100.

**Status: Senate Rules Committee.**

***Position: Neutral***